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Fri 2030 WWCRI 15825

Sat 0800 WRMI 9955

Sat 1630 WWCRI 12160

Sat 2130 WRMI 9955

Sun 0230 WWCRI 5070

Sun 0630 WWCRI 3215

[Note: this year, the DST/UT time shift occurs Nov 4:]

Sun 0900 WRMI 9955

Sun 1615 WRMI 7385

Mon 0400 WBCQ 9330-CLSB

Mon 0515 WBCQ 7415 [time varies to 0600]

Mon 0930 WRMI 9955

Tue 1130 WRMI 9955

Tue 1630 WRMI 7385

Wed 0930 WRMI 9955

Thu 0000 WBCQ 18910-CLSB

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** AFGHANISTAN. 6700.0, R Solh, Bagram Air Base (tentative), 1855, Oct 15, Quran chants, Vernacular talk, not clear whether Pushto or Dari ñ but who else is that broadcasting Qur'an on that frequency? Very weak 15542 and audible on 95 / 110 degrees aerals (Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerriitslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. REINO UNIDO, 15265, Radio Solh, 1203-1215, escuchada el 1 de noviembre en afgano con emisi n musical. Los comienzos empiezan con algunos titubeos, se aprecia portadora sin emisi n desde las 1202, a las 1203 conectan la emisi n y se corta, segundos despu s irrumpe la m sica con fuerza sufriendo ligeros cortes. Como es habitual comienzan con emisi n musical sin ning n tipo de m sica de sinton a ni presentaci n, tampoco identificaci n, tan s lo emisi n de m sica afgana, pop y folkl rica. A las 1209 sufre otro corte de emisi n de unos tres segundos, SINPO 55544 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFRICA. THE TEXTURES OF AFRICAN BROADCASTING
Michael Hedges November 1, 2007

Looking at Africa is a study in contrasts, a mosaic of cultures and colors, riches and pain. Broadcasting in Africa reflects all of this, including the extremes. Audiences ñ estimated at 700 million - are active, broadcasters robust, challenges are many and opportunities gleaming.

The textures of African broadcasting range from the highly competitive commercial and public channels found mostly in the South, West and northern coasts to community stations engaging the challenges of Central Africa to international broadcasters providing a life-line to the most distressed regions. --- Long article at:
<http://followthemedias.com/linguafranca/texture01112007.htm>
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. WINTER FREQUENCY GUIDE OF RADIO TIRANA
From the 28th of October 2007 to the 28th of March 2008, Radio Tirana broadcasts two programs of 15 and 30 minutes in the following time and frequency:

For UK

From 1945 to 2000 UTC in 7465 kHz in 49 m and 6035 kHz in 49 m
From 2100 to 2130 UTC in 7430 kHz in 41 m
Monday to Saturday

For the USA

From 1530 to 1600 UTC in 13640 kHz in 22 m
2100 to 2130 UTC in 9915 kHz in 31m
0130 to 0145 UTC in 6110 kHz in 49 m
0245 to 0300 UTC in 7425 kHz in 41 m
0330 to 0400 UTC in 6110 kHz in 49 m
0430 to 0500 UTC in 7425 kHz in 41 m
Radio Tirana broadcasts in these frequencies Monday to Saturday and
for Northern America Monday to Sunday [sic]

PROGRAM DETAILS

MONDAY ñ News, Press Review, Albania in a Week, Cultural Activities of
the Week, Sports Round Up.
TUESDAY ñ News, Press Review, Note, Mail Box
WEDNESDAY ñ News, Press Review, Albania under the Euro Atlantic
Integration Process, Entertaining Music
THURSDAY ñ News, Press Review, Albanian Economy on Facts, Focus on
Albania
FRIDAY ñ News, Press Review, Albanian People History through
Centuries/Foreigners on Albania, Outstanding Personalities Profile
SATURDAY ñ News, Press Review, The Mosaic of the Week, Folk Music
(Clara and Artan, R. Tirana English Section, Nov 1, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

Tuned in today at 1530 on 13640. Very good signal, good volume and no
interference. I was looking forward to listening to the full show with
very good reception. The transmitter went off at 1535 in the middle of
the news. By the time it was back on and the volume sorted out it was
1542, just in time for some nice music to be cut short by a feature
about the Albanian economy. At 1548 a talk about Albanian culture
began and the transmitter went off again at 1549. It was off at least
another 5 minutes and when I tuned in again at 1557 the closing music
was being played. So all in all probably the best 2 parts of the whole
broadcast were missed due to the transmitter being off (Harry Brooks,
NE England, UK, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Tirana, 6110, 0130 English to NAm, fair with no jamming Nov 2 at
0139; main interference was not from 6115 or 6105, but from 6100,
Sackville in Spanish splatter, aimed our way at 240 degrees (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15820/LSB, Radio Continental; 1941, 26-Oct; Spanish
commentary commentary then "La Primera... Radio Continental". SIO=152;
Nothing on 13363.5 (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via

DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia anomaly? I have noticed recent change or anomaly with Radio Australia's broadcast which I listen to regularly in the morning, here in Nevada.

Normally I listened on 5995, 6080 or 7240 starting at 1400z. Both signals are very strong, and I had been listening until ~1700 or so when the signals faded out.

However now, contrary to their schedule posted on the web, programming stops on these frequencies just before 1500z, and is replaced by their Waltzing Matilda tones, which were normally used only when a new transmitter was turning off or on, but now it continues for at least 2-3 hours.

A transmitter does come on at about 1558z on 9710 starting with Waltzing Matilda tones, followed by regular programming at 1600z, but the 5995 6080 and 7240 signals are still transmitting the Waltzing Matilda tones.

At 1600z 7240 is the strongest, S9, 9710 is S8, 5995 is S6, and 6080 is S3. But all the signals are fading as it is well past sunrise here in Las Vegas. By 1700z, 6080 has faded out completely, 5995 is S1 and 7240 is S3 but both are still playing the Waltzing Matilda tones. 9710 fades to about S3 with normal programming.

This all started a few days ago. Prior to that I would listen to regular programming on 7240 until 1730 when the signal faded completely out (John Tartar, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See also SERBIA where 7240 was also reported with WM as QRM (gh)

** AUSTRALIA. HCJB Australia Broadcast Schedule B07
Effective October 28, 2007 - March 29, 2008

Download the Broadcast Schedule Here

[Word Format] http://www.hcjb.org/docs/australia/Aus_B07_Sched.doc

[PDF Format] http://www.hcjb.org/docs/australia/Aus_B07_Sched.pdf

For a full programme schedule: english @ hcjb.org.au

Email reports to: english @ hcjb.org.au

For mailed reports, to:

HCJB Australia

GPO Box 691

Melbourne 3001

Australia

(from http://www.hcjb.org/worldwide/australia/broadcast_schedule.html
via Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, Nov 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Miraya Radio, 9825 from here? see SUDAN [non]

** BOLIVIA. 6134.8, CP32 Radio Santa Cruz; 1023-1031+, 28-Oct; Spanish
low-key commentary till 1030 then campo tune; ID spot with cow moo.
SIO=2+33-, best in USB (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet
via DXLD)

** CHINA. 4460, Central People's BS (presumed); 2224, 26-Oct; Chatty
M&W in China with peppy background music. SIO=252 (Harold Frodge, MI,
DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) Aoki says CNR-1, Beijing site, 100
kW; seldom reported (gh, DXLD)

** CONGO DR. 5066.34, R TÈle Candip, Bunia, French / vernacular phone-
in programme and iRadio Tele Candip in between on free channel, but
weak, heard only one day on Oct 16 at 1610, 25533 (Stefan
Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerrikslev,
Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** CROATIA. Re: Croatia on 3985 kHz
``3985 2200-0500 100 kW non-dir to all-Europe daily.``

Obviously another case of registrations not reflecting the actual
operations. Tonight 3985 again sounds like just a few kilowatts; it's
definitely nothing even close to 100 kW, unless their antenna is
extremely bad. And it did not sign on at 2200. I did not recheck until
2358 when it was finally on, so probably it is on air from 2300. And
Sines signed on the DRM signal on 3995 at 2200, only to switch it
already off before 0030 (maybe at 2400). When it was on the hiss still
bothered the considerably weaker Deanovec signal on 3985 (Kai Ludwig,
Germany, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3984.845, Glas Hrvatske; 0051-0107 30 October, 2007. Croatian pop
vocals, slow time sounders 0100, ID by male, into world news summary
until 0106 when back to vocals. Clear and fair to weak. Direct, not
via Germany per recent reports (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida,
USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. MENSAJE ACLARATORIA A TODOS LOS COLEGAS DIEXISTAS --- Saludos
colegas, en días anteriores publiqué un mensaje dando respuesta a
algunos mensajes que hablaban de unos supuestos arrestos en Cuba por
poseer radios de onda corta, en el asunto del mensaje les agradecí por
la preocupación de muchos por mí, pero en Cuba desde 1959 no se hacen
arrestos indiscriminados. Aclaré que si los habían detenidos era por

pertenecer a no se qué organización, NO por poseer radios de onda corta, eso en Cuba no es un delito. Para los mal pensados, no estoy contra mi país ni mi gobierno, soy cubano y revolucionario, me siento orgulloso de haber nacido en Cuba, de esta Revolución y no le quepan dudas que daré mi sangre si fuera preciso por defender este pedazo de tierra que se mantiene en pie a pesar de tantos años de lucha.

Desgraciadamente, muchos colegas extranjeros tienen una idea errónea de lo que pasa en Cuba, de ahí la preocupación de muchos por el tema de los receptores. Se que mi país no es perfecto, pero con sus defectos y virtudes, lo amo y no quiero otro. Disculpen todos si mi mensaje en OFF TOPIC, pero no me gusta que me tilden de lo que no soy. Atentamente: (Ing. Yandys Cervantes Rodríguez, WebMaster. Sede Universitaria Municipal. Buey Arriba. Granma, Oct 31, Noticias DX yg via DXLD)

**** CZECHIA [non]. UN NUEVO HORARIO Y UNA NUEVA FRECUENCIA PARA SUDAM...RICA**

Estimados amigos, presten atención a la siguiente información. Con la llegada del período de invierno, el pasado 28 de octubre, Radio Praga comenzó a transmitir en nuevos horarios y frecuencias. Dicha información la pueden escuchar en la sintonía al inicio de nuestra programación, leer en nuestro sitio Internet <http://www.radio.cz> y por supuesto la enviaremos por correo a todas las personas que lo soliciten.

Con el objetivo de llevar a más hogares los programas de Radio Praga se agregó a dichas frecuencias una más: los oyentes de Sudamérica podrán escucharnos también a la 0100 de la madrugada Tiempo Universal Coordinado por los 11665 kHz a través de la repetidora en la isla Ascensión. Pedimos a nuestros radioescuchas que nos informen sobre la calidad de la recepción de los programas de Radio Praga por este nuevo horario y frecuencia: 0100 de la madrugada Tiempo Universal Coordinado por los 11665 kHz a través de la repetidora en la isla Ascensión. Sus informes, estimados radioescuchas, serán de gran ayuda para nuestro Departamento Técnico que busca mejorar las condiciones de transmisión de los programas de Radio Praga. Cordiales 73 (via José Bueno, Córdoba, España, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. LA TV Y LA RADIO SÓ ESTUVIERON AL SERVICIO DEL PUEBLO:** <http://www.hoy.com.do/article.aspx?id=130347>

MEDIOS INTERRUMPEN PROGRAMACIONES PARA OFRECER INFORMACIONES
<http://www.listindiario.com.do/app/article.aspx?id=34832>
(via José Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD) Re trop storm Noel, flooding

**** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025, HIIJ Radio Amanecer; 0013-0032+, 28-Oct;**

Spanish religious program with Spanish and English tunes. ID 0031 to new program. SIO=422+, need USB to help w/6020 China (via Sackville? [Albania --- gh]). (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) HIIJ is call listed in WRTH, but do they ever announce it? Not very euphonious (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR. HCJB's long-obsolete frequency announcements in Spanish have survived yet another seasonal transition into B-07! Nov 2 at 1314 on 11960, the same old recording claimed they were on 11760 and 9745, while in fact they have been for years and continue to be on 11690 and 11960 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 4815, R El Buen Pastor, Saraguro. I just received an e-mail from Jos  Quille bpradio931 @ hotmail.com which was sent to multiple addressees, saying (translated from Spanish): "Thank you for your reception reports. I send you a greeting from Saraguro in the province of Loja, Ecuador, at the same time inviting you to visit our web page <http://www.saraguros.com> There you will find not only facts about our emisora but be able to know a little piece of paradise which is Saraguro." Very nice, but I never received anything resembling a verification from them for my three reports of a few years ago (John Wilkins, CO, in DXplorer, Oct 23 via DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ALEMANIA [sic], 17650, Voice of Meselina Delina, 1815-1838, escuchada el 1 de noviembre probablemente en idioma oromo a locutor con comentarios, referencias a iBritania  y el iSahara , segmento de m sica pop africana, posible identificaci n, comentarios con efecto eco, termina emisi n con una frase en ingl s y un segmento musical interpretado por piano, ID iWorld Harvest Radio , SINPO 55444. (Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Como ya discutimos hace algunas semanas, viene desde WHRA, estado de Maine, EE. UU. No de Alemania. De lunes a viernes. Meseln , no Meselina. Debe ser en am rico (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

ARMENIA [sic], 11900, Tensae Ethiopia Voice of Unity, 1501-1506, escuchada el 1 de noviembre en am rico, locutor con presentaci n, segmento musical interpretado por flauta, comentarios, SINPO 23332 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No es desde Armenia, sino ARM = Armavir, Rusia. Constantemente algunos confunden estos sitios transmisores. La abreviatura HFCC para Armenia no es ARM, sino ERV = Yerevan o KMO = Kamo (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. SOUTH AFRICA? 15400, R. Mustaqbal (via Meyerton) Oct 29 *0544-0600 25432-35332 Somali, 0544 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Chorus music, Somali pops and talk (Kouji Hashimoto,

Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD) It's 0545-0615, Mon/Tue/Wed only (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 9445, EOTC Holy Synod R is a new programme on Mondays at 1600-1700 in Amharic, probably via Samara. Broker TDP at <http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html> (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD) It was heard from *1600 on Mon Oct 29 (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

** FINLAND. SWR, Virrat Finland --- Dear listeners, Scandinavian Weekend Radio is on air again 2-3rd of November 2007 at 22 hours UT.

Our times and frequencies are:

MW: 1602 kHz, 24 hours

49 mb:

5980 kHz, sa 17-19 UT

6170 kHz, fr-sa 22-17 UT, sa 19-22 UT

25 mb:

11690 kHz, fr-sa 23-08 UT, 14-17 UT, 19-22 UT

11720 kHz, fr 22-23 UT, 08-14 UT, 17-19 UT

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FINLAND

Programme Schedule 3rd November 2007: (times local = UT + 2 hours)

00-02

02-08 SWR - Open studio

08-09 Huomenta - Good Morning Virrat by H?k?

09-10

10-11 Proge-aamu by Esa

11-12 rariolehtikatsaus. Rj

12-13 12.00 Hukala.net News

13-14 "Studiossa DJ Miki"

14-15 14.00 Hukala.net News 14.05 Virrat t?n??n - Virrat Today by H?k?

15-16 rariojaskalla on (v?hemm?n)asiaa [umlauted letters questioned]

16-17 Kantoaaltoa Suomirokilla h?ystettyn? by Esa

17-18 Radio news by Rick Random ???

18-20 "Studiossa DJ Miki"

20-22 Continental nightshift, One foot in the blues Rj

22-23 Studiossa Dj Peeveli

23-24 Closing ceremony by SWR crew Best greetings, (Alpo Heinonen, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. Re 7-131: Radio France Internationale heard at 1200-1230 this Thursday on 21620 and 15300. 15300 is probably a switching error. This frequency normally transmits the French service at this time. RFI also heard at 0700 UT on 11725 yesterday , but never heard on 15160 (Meyerton) at 1600. Regards (JM Aubier, France, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also MONACO

** GUIANA FRENCH. My main purpose is to write to you suggesting that the 363 azimuth on the French Guiana transmitter (Oct 31 1452) may not be 363 degrees but 363 grads because the French use a 400 grad system for navigation rather than the old 360 degrees. It's not important but I thought that, because of your strong attention to detail, you might like to consider the possibility. All the best (Ray Phillips, Australia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I had never heard of the 400-grad system, but it certainly would clash with all the other entries on the DRM schedule presumably in the 360-degree system! As well as the 360-degree system in general usage for SW azimuth specifications (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII. A belated farewell to Dr. Richard E. Wood, AM broadcast DXer extraordinaire. I was so looking forward to doing battle with Dr. Wood in this contest. It was purposely setup so that I (or any transoceanic specialty DXer) could mount a challenge against Dr. Wood with his prime Hawaiian Beverage antenna location, and without impacting the opportunity for transcontinental DXers to compete. I received a letter in which Dr. Wood had announced his intention to enter the contest just a week before his untimely death. He will be missed.

Hawaii contestant Dale Park shared his thoughts after receiving the sad news.

iI have been meaning to write to Dr. Wood for the past two years and wanted to congratulate him for winning the NRC DX Contest. I even wanted to trade stamps with him. Now he'll never know,i lamented Dale.

iSince he was probably going to win this season's contest anyway, I would suggest donating a 2008 WRTH in his memory to a library on the Big Island: Either the Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo library, the Hilo public library, or the Keaiau public library near his home. He and the late Chuck Boehnke, plus former SW pirate DXer John Arthur, all lived in the Hawaiian Paradise Park subdivision between the towns of Keaiau and Pahoa. I hope to get in touch with his friend Ginny Boehnke regarding

his equipment and radio ephemera. (Bruce Conti, NRC Contest, NRC DX News Nov 5 via DXLD) OBIT

** HUNGARY. While checking CROATIA [q.v.] 3985 out, I noted until 2200 on 3975 that Magyar Rádió still runs the multilingual Radio Budapest loop before the hour-long shortwave programmes in Hungarian. All the voices they have fired, still on air. Is it stupidity, nobody caring about it --- or is it deliberate, as a subtle kind of protest? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. All India Radio Vividh Bharati Service announcer Yunus Khan has posted photographs of Golden Jubilee celebrations in his blog; visit this link:
http://radionamaa.blogspot.com/2007/10/blog-post_04.html
Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)
See also NEW ZEALAND: QRDRM to 9870!

** INDONESIA. 3976.0, RRI Pontianak, this one sent a full data letter verifying my reception report from February after reminder. It took so many times and even writing in Bahasa Indonesia (BI) it was hard to get it. One has to know that postal services with Indonesia remain not that good unfortunately. Never sent letters more than 20 grams, everything looking interesting might be gone. And: I really do not know if the people overseas really understand what we want from them and what is our hobby all about. They correctly stated time, date, frequency ñ a perfect verie letter. But in addition they copied my view card of the city of Frankfurt and put a station stamp on each copy... great! v/s was Mr. Sudiman Bonavarte (Kepala Stasiun).

3987.04, RRI Manokwari, 1447-1455*, BI, song and then into SCI, "Radio Republik Indonesia, Manokwari", SCI again and s/off, did not hear them for a long time.

3995.05, RRI Kendari, 1531-1555*, Oct 11, abruptly signed off after a quick Radio Republik Indonesia ID. Had Qur'an chants starting with ñAsalam Aleikum, saya Haji ...i (I am Haji = one of those being in Mecca for the Hajî (spoken Hadch) at 1531. Weak to fair signal on a free channel.

4750.0, RRI Makassar seemed to switch off this frequency. Neither there in the afternoon nor during the evening.

4790.0, RRI Fak-Fak, *1955-2000, Oct 12, National Anthem, programme starting at 1957 with "Radio Republik Indonesia Fak-Fak", then usual nice songs they play, no Qur'an and still music at 2000.

4869.95, RRI Wamena, 2046, Oct 18, very weak and hardly audible, 65 degrees antenna used. Slow Qur'an chants with long interruptions in

between, free channel though. Oct 18 was one of the best days for Asia and most of the other days they had been audible at all.

4875.0, RRI Sorong, same as Makassar, gone as well. Only the more easterly transmitters seem to remain at the very moment (Serui, Fak-Fak, Wamena, Biak etc). Asking young Indonesians in Lombok, most of them never heard of SW and just tune in the local FMs and there is not much difference to the MW band. Being in Mataram some two years ago I saw the RRI's 10 kW SW outlet (a Continental brand used to broadcast on 3215). No plans to re-active due to costs of spare parts and from the two MW outlets only one was active with 828 kHz at that time (listed on 855) while the other one was gone (they used to broadcast on 1179 something like that).

4920.0, RRI Biak, 2050-2100, Oct 16, very weak with old pop music and few announcements in between. Xizang carrier switched on at 2055. SCI at exactly 2100.00 and Xizang started at 2100.30 when the RRI signal started to improve slightly due to sunrise at transmitter site (all: Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerriitslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 3880, Voice of the Communist Party of Iran (tentative), 1440-1530, Oct 05, covered by jamming, but audible now and then with what sounded like Farsi ann, 21221 (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, visiting Madaba, Jordan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD) Early broadcast! (Anker Petersen, Ed., ibid.) + KURDISTAN

** IRAN [non]. MOLDAVIA, 7480, Radio Payam E-Doost, 1800-1810, escuchada el 1 de noviembre en persa, locutora con ID, presentaci n, comentarios con m sica cl sica de fondo, SINPO 44444.

RUSIA, 7470, Radio Democracy Shorayee, 1745-1800, escuchada el 1 de noviembre en idioma farsi, locutora y locutora con comentarios, cu da de ID iRadio Shorayee , anuncia direcci n de Internet, acaba la transmisi n con un canto a modo de himno, me recuerda un poco a la iInternacional , SINPO 44444. 73 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espa a, Sangean ATS 909, Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. 567 RTE - Luxembourg effect --- I reported this morning that there was an echo on the 567 RTE signal, despite there being only a single RTE transmitter on the frequency.

Ken Baird has pointed out that there was a known 'Luxembourg effect' between the old Atlantic 252 and RTE on 567. RTE now runs the 252 transmitter and the 252 signal is a couple of seconds behind 567 thus generating the 'echo' on 567. You can check the delay yourselves between 252 and 567.

Here is a brief recording of 567 made this morning around 0815
<http://paulc.mediumwaveradio.org/audio/567.mp3>

...and here are some notes from Ken's site on the 567/252 Luxembourg effect along with a copy of a 1938 article discussing the 'Luxembourg effect' http://www.tadx.mediumwaveradio.org/luxembourg_effect.html

So a day after Hallowe'en there appears to have been a ghostly visitation on 567 kHz (Paul Crankshaw, Troon, Scotland, Nov 1, MWC via DXLD)

** IRELAND [and non]. 1752 kHz is EJK Valentia, in USB. It is a maritime coast broadcast station similar to the U.S.C.G. stations on 2670 kHz. It does not at any time relay AM or FM broadcasts. It is strictly a weather and notices to shipping broadcast for mariners - making broadcasts on a scheduled basis.

Many countries have them. In ITU Region 1 (Europe-Africa-MidEast), the marine band (MB) starts at the top of the AM band to 1800 kHz, except for a chunk taken out for the ham band. In Region 2 (Americas), the marine band doesn't start until 2000 kHz. However, prior to 1980, Canada had similar stations on 1630 kHz on the BC Coast. I was lucky enough to snag 2 of them (VAI Vancouver and VAC Comox). (Bill Hepburn, Ont., WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. 5102, V. of Jammu Kashmir Freedom, Oct 30 *1300-1310, 45433-45444, Kashmiri, 1300 sign on with opening music, ID, Kor'an, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. JAPAN COMPLAINS NORTH KOREA JAMS RADIO PROGRAMME | Text of report in English by Japanese news agency Kyodo

Tokyo, Nov. 2 Kyodo - Japan confirmed that North Korea on Friday jammed a Japanese radio programme containing messages for any surviving Japanese victims of Pyongyang's past abductions, and promptly reported the situation to a UN body, the communications ministry said.

It is the second time Tokyo has filed a complaint with the Geneva-based International Telecommunication Union on the matter, following jamming that took place in March.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said it confirmed that North Korea jammed the programme *iShiokazei* with radio waves on the same frequency between 5:12 a.m. and 6:31 a.m. Friday.

The jamming may have affected reception of the programme and the

ministry said it complained to the ITU that it is a violation of the UN body's radio-frequency transmission rules.

Japan launched Shiohaze on March 26, sending messages from family members of people possibly abducted by Pyongyang and still residing in the country, for 30 minutes from 5:30 a.m. every day in Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English.

The programme has been aired for 30 minutes from 11 p.m. daily since last Sunday (Source: Kyodo News Service, Tokyo, in English 1212 GMT 2 Nov 07 via BBC Monitoring) (November 2nd, 2007 - 12:53 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. VOK B-07 schedule effective Nov 7 from Arnulf Piontek has appeared in the dxldy; seems to be identical to B-06. Should be in the next DXLD (gh)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. KBS WORLD B-07

Language	Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)
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Europe

Korean 1	16:00 ~ 18:00	7275
	17:00 ~ 19:00	9515
Korean 2	07:00 ~ 08:00	9870 (Skelton)
Russian	18:00 ~ 19:00	7235 (Rampisham)
English 1	16:00 ~ 17:00	9515
	18:00 ~ 19:00	7275
English 2	14:30 ~ 15:00	9750 (DRM) [Rampisham? Daily or weekly?]
	22:00 ~ 22:30	3955 (Skelton)
French	19:00 ~ 20:00	3955 (Skelton)
German	20:00 ~ 21:00	3955 (Skelton)
Spanish	06:00 ~ 06:30	6045 (Sackville)

North America

Korean 2	14:00 ~ 15:00	9650 (Sackville)
English 1	12:00 ~ 13:00	9650 (Sackville)
English 2	02:30 ~ 03:00	9560 (Sackville)
Spanish	02:00 ~ 02:30	9560 (Sackville)

South America

Korean 2	03:00 ~ 04:00	11810
English 1	02:00 ~ 03:00	15575
Spanish	01:00 ~ 02:00	15575
	11:00 ~ 12:00	11795 (Sackville)

Southeast Asia

Korean 1	09:00 ~ 11:00	9570
English 1	08:00 ~ 09:00	9570
	13:00 ~ 14:00	9570, 9770
Indonesian	12:00 ~ 13:00	9570
	14:00 ~ 15:00	9570
	22:00 ~ 23:00	9805
Chinese	11:30 ~ 12:30	9770
	23:00 ~ 24:00	9805
Vietnamese	12:30 ~ 13:00	9770
	14:30 ~ 15:00	9640

Middle East & Africa

Korean 1	16:00 ~ 18:00	15175
Korean 2	09:00 ~ 10:00	15210
Arabic	19:00 ~ 20:00	7180 (Rampisham)

China

Chinese	11:30 ~ 12:30	6065
	22:00 ~ 23:00	7275
Japan	02:00 ~ 03:00	11810
	08:00 ~ 09:00	7275
	11:00 ~ 12:00	7275
	12:00 ~ 13:00	1170 (MW)
	14:00 ~ 15:00	7275
	24:00 ~ 01:00	11810

Moscow

Russian	20:30 ~ 21:00	738 (AM)
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Jakarta

Indonesian	20:30 ~ 21:00	102.6 (FM)
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Non Directional

Korean 1	09:00 ~ 11:00	7275
Korean 2	10:00 ~ 11:00	1170 (MW)
	12:00 ~ 13:00	7275
Chinese	13:00 ~ 14:00	1170 (MW), 7275
Russian	11:00 ~ 12:00	1170 (MW)
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)		

** KURDISTAN [non?]. 3926.14, R Voice of Kurdistan, No. Iraq, 0252-

0310, Oct 26, Kurdish ann, Kurdish folksong, 0302 Martial song, 0305 clear Kurdish ID: "Era Radyo Dangi Kurdistan", fanfare and political talk, 45434 until *0258 when Iranian jamming started, then 42432. (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

Also tentatively heard on 3930 at 1440-1510, Oct 05, also covered by heavy jamming, which made it almost impossible to hear anything. Frequency remained stable, 21221 (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, visiting Madaba, Jordan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

3942.55, R Voice of Kurdistan, No. Iraq, 0410-0420, Oct 20, Farsi talk about Kurdistan, Kurdish orchestral music and songs, 35443 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

4366, Voice of Iranian Revolution, 1420-1535, Oct 05, Kurdish announcement, communist hymn, covered mostly by jamming. 32322 (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, visiting Madaba, Jordan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

4675.08, Voice of Free Kurdistan, *0359-0500, Oct 19 and 20, Martial song, 0404 Kurdish ID: "Dengi Azadi Kurdistan" and talk about Kurdistan, Kurdish instrumental music and songs, jammed all the time, 33443. New sign on time! (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

4860, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan was not heard in Jordan (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, visiting Madaba, Jordan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD) See also IRAN [non]

** KUWAIT. 11990, Radio Kuwait; 1800-1815+, 27-Oct; Kor'an thumper program, Enlightened with the Blessings of Islam; English pop tune (how decadent!) at 1814. SI0=143 (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

11990, R. Kuwait, 1855, SI0-222, American pop music, ID at 1900, "Beginnings of Kuwait" history program (Karl Racenis, Manchester MI, 26-Oct, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5011.751, RTM; 0240-0305 30 October, 2007. Tune in to open carrier, then up with clarinet/accordion Parisian-sounding jazz instrumental, apparently the engineer tuning up, from 0244-0246 then back to carrier. Instrumental music from 0253, Malagasy male from 0258, ID, mention of Anantananarivo and into vocal filler just after 0300 followed by female talk. Clear and fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. XEYU, 9599.3, Nov 1 around 0630, good with classical music,

but gone again at recheck 1300. Just before 1300 I was hearing no het on Cuba, so figured UNAM had vanished. Nor was it audible around 0140 UT Nov 2, altho the MUF may have dipped too low by then. Still missing around 0530 and 1330 too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar-terrestrial indices for 31 October follow. Solar flux 67 and mid-latitude A-index 4. The mid-latitude K-index at 0600 UTC on 01 November was 0 (3 nT). The mid-latitude K-index at 1200 UTC on 01 November was 1 (8 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SWPC via DXLD)

** MEXICO. I have been listening online some to ``Excellency One`` from Tijuana, such as at 0201 UT Friday November 2, when there was a `legal` ID in Spanish as `XLNC`. They left off the imaginary figure 1, but failed to insert the true H between X and L. I had tuned in at this time for a distinctive program on their schedule which I have so far not managed to catch, perhaps because it is not weekly, THE TASTING ROOM WITH JUNG HO PAK. Still, they're a good classical music source with adequate fidelity, 40 kbps from mms://wmlive.vitalstreamcdn.com/live_xlnc1_vitalstream_com_XLNC1Live (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. DOCUMENTS FLOWING FROM THE NINTH HLCC HELD IN MEXICO CITY

The U.S. Department of State has released three U.S./Mexican documents of interest flowing from the Ninth Meeting of the United States-Mexico High Level Consultative Commission (HLCC) on Telecommunications. That meeting was held in August.

The documents of interest are a Joint Statement (read it first), a Directory of Bilateral Issues and a Protocol for the Allotment and Use of the 138-144 MHz Band (if you are interested). Look for the three items dated 08/03/07 at the following URL:
<http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/cip/c622.htm>
(CGC Communicator Oct 31 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Mystery sign-off on 1610

I tuned to 1610 kHz tonight at 7:57 pm Central/0057 UT [Oct 28] and caught a strong signal with "national anthem-ish" sounding symphonic music, abruptly switching to dead air 7:58/0058, then back 7:59/0059 to chorus over symphonic music to end at 8:00 pm/0100, then OC to at least 0110 when I stopped listening.

Carrier was very strong here but audio was muffled; am 99% sure the chorus was in Spanish but can't be sure because of the modulation. (If

not Spanish, then Portuguese.) If this was a national anthem, it wasn't Mexico's but otherwise I didn't recognize it (but I'm not very NA savvy.).

Disclaimer: I was DXing tonight with my 900 foot longwire, which produces enough voltage to produce a noticeable "tingle" when you touch the center connector of the coax. In other words, this could be a phantom logging caused by receiver overloading. But I was also using the Drake R8B, which has a robust front end. Anybody else hearing unusual stuff on 1610? (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19, Oct 27, ABDX via DXLD)

There is definitely a new station on 1610 which should be widely heard. Last night I listened on 1610 from 7:37 to 8:32 pm Central and found my "mystery station" from Saturday night was back, and this time didn't leave the air at 8:00 pm Central. Programming consists of mellow, laid-back Spanish talk by a male announcer followed by blocks of three songs alternating in English and Spanish. For example, I heard Spanish talk from 7:37 to 8:41 and then they went into "Every Breath You Take" by the Police, "Are You Gonna Go My Way" by Lenny Kravitz, and "Angie" by the Rolling Stones. Then the same male announcer came back for three minutes, and that was followed by a block of three romantic Spanish ballads, the sort of music played in better chain Mexican restaurants like El Torito.

Modulation on the talk segments is somewhat muddy and low; the music selections are crisper and at a higher level. I heard nothing that sounded like an ad, and the closest I was able to hear for an ID seemed to be "Radio Chiba," although that's probably not correct.

Signal was very strong on peaks but faded out below the Austin airport construction TIS at times. I even heard it on the C Crane radio with internal loopstick as well as the R8B & 900 foot longwire and ICF-2010 & Quantum loop, so it does get out well and is not an image.

I suspect the "sign off" I heard Saturday was actually an interruption as they worked out the kinks; the carrier stayed on for several minutes Saturday after the audio ended. They still need to do something about the audio on their talk segments! At any rate, there is something new on 1610, so go git 'em! (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19, Oct 29, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1380, DXLD)

If I recall correctly, there are a few Mexican allocations on 1610. Mexico staked their claim to a few dozen X-band allocations in cities along the border several years ago, but apart from XEUT-1630 and XEPE-1700 not much has happened there... just checked Fred Cantu's site http://www.fredcantu.com/frec_am.htm to see if any new stations were listed on 1610. There weren't any new ones listed on 1610, 73, (Tim

Hall, Chula Vista, CA, ABDX via DXLD)

I have never heard anything on 1610 other than a TIS or two. Tonight is looking good for an ID of the SS station on 1610. It suddenly appeared at 7:20 pm cdt playing We Will Rock You/Queen followed at 7:40 by Every Breath You Take/Police and Angie/R. Stones at 7:49. After the songs I know they played several SS romantic tunes and faded out. So it was dinner time for me. At 8:30 they are back and I am hoping they will ID. Credit goes to Harry hearing something on 1610 last night which inspired me to try 1610 this evening. Not always trusting solid state receivers and preamps not to give me some mixing product I verified this reception on an Hammarlund HQ-120 (similar to the HQ-129) with a simple wire antenna. Is anyone else hearing this station? (Alan in Austin Schreier, Oct 28, ABDX via DXLD)

Tsk, tsk, you guys aren't reading (or remembering) DXLD. In all probability this is XEUACH, as discussed in July in DXLD 7-078, 7-080 and 7-084. It's also in the WRTH, as Radio Chapingo [also in Cant' list as above and in Callarman's list]. Has been on the air for several years, but low powered. Maybe they have upgraded if they now seem 'new'. Wouldn't mind hearing them myself. 73, (Glenn Hauser, 1921 UT October 29, ibid.)

Oh, we're reading it. You're just not as unforgettable as you used to be. ;-) At least we have a clue what to listen for now in the way of an ID. Their signal should make it to the suburbs of Enid (Harry Helms W5HLH, Smithville, TX EL19, 1938 UT, ibid.)

Too weak for me to recognize what musical format they are presently running tonight and no TOH id at 1900 ct. Tonight I have my loop correctly set up for DFing and the signal appears to be from near Mexico City. I can't get a real good bearing until they become a bit louder or my nearby 1600 splatter generator calms down a bit (Alan - Austin 0016 UT Oct 30, ibid.)

They were reasonably strong for the last hour with a few fades but are now in and out of the noise. They were playing reggae and now Mexican ballads with a few voice breaks but nothing I could claim to be an ID. Appears to me the signal is from just east of Mexico City. I have two TIS stations on 1610 distant enough not to bother me, one on 800 and two on 530 which do interfere sometimes. I am determined to catch an ID of this station so I can fill in the 1610 blank in my log (ALAN - Austin 0118 UT Oct 30, ibid.)

Caribbean music at 8:35 pm eastern. Now Ranchero at 8:53 pm Good signal tonight, S-5 at peaks. Low mod though. No ID, yet (Juan Gualda, Ft. Pierce, FL, ibid.) [he might have Florida pirate instead --- gh]

I'm hearing it with KOKE splatter. But very good clear signal tuned slightly up the dial 1613 to get out from under KOKE. just played a song. dead air. now another starts. no id as yet. music in Spanish. loop pointed south (Alan Furst, Round Rock TX, AOR 7030/Quantum Loop/LA380 Loop, 0207 UT Oct 30, ibid.)

You have it and they do have a lot of dead air. Now if they will ID sometime we can fill in that annoying 1610 log blank with something other than TIS stations. Signal just faded up in time to hear Queen. (Alan - Austin 0229 UT, ibid.)

Kenny Rodgers' "The Gambler" heard here now 2135 CDT. Couldn't tell language of deep-voiced announcer as signal dips. Now slow-paced ballad in English my male singer (John Callarman, Krum TX (35 miles north of D-FW), ibid.)

Just heard the Radio Chapingo name. I wonder if they ever announce call letters (Alan - Austin, 0242 UT, ibid.)

I've found nothing on the website <http://www.chapingo.mx/cultura/subdir-difusion-cultural/radio/> to indicate an increase in power from its listed 250 watts. Music is identifiable, but when (and/or if) the microphone is turned on, any talk that may be done is very light. It appeared a softer voiced man was speaking at about 0301 UT, but my noise level is high here. The Krumudgeon (John Callarman, Krum TX, UT Oct 30, ABDX via DXLD)

They sure did disappear quickly; almost as if they shut down for the day. All I have heard for the last thirty minutes is a weak LCRA-NOAA TIS and local power line noise. 250 watts on 1610 might make the distance although it seems rather unlikely. I first heard them here about 1900 this evening and will try again tomorrow (Alan - Austin, 0340 UT, ibid.)

I do recall how well WKWF in Key West carried on 1600 after all the other stations had signed off back in the '60s ... regular in the Panhandle with 250 watts (The Krumudgeon, ibid.)

1610, based on Glenn's info, presumed to be R Chapingo near Mexico City, in the clear at first tune in after 1830 CDT, with instrumental "Girl From Ipanema". Listening off & on until almost 2100, I think I heard a R Chapingo ID. When time allows I have a recording to listen through for an ID. At one point another station on 1610, I think not a TIS. The question for me is why is this station now audible? Power upgrade? Antenna upgrade? (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ibid.)

Or merely an extended schedule? WRTH has listed its sign-off as 2200 UTC. Chapingo website was silent as far as schedule or power is

concerned (The Krumudgeon, ibid.)

?? My WRTH 2007 clearly says sign-off is 0200 UT. This is standard s/off time for Mexican 'daytimers' in Central zone. Who knows if they had axually been operating that late. Being a student station, real sked [and music 'format'] could vary a lot. Must look for it tonight. Note that the July DXLD discussion concerned a perceived upgrade then at groundwave range. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

My error. I read s/off time from the list I had prepared, which was 2200 .. yes, my WRTH says s/off is 0200 UT. Forgive me for not checking previous message from Glenn on perceived groundwave upgrade ... It's louder tonight ... I'm taping ... but I'll leave the radio for the Demo's presidential debate at the top of the hour (Krum's mudgeon, ibid.)

They are barely audible in Austin since 1900, however if like last night may become stronger during the next two hours. The only R. Chapingo ID heard and captured last night was about 2130 immediately after "The Gambler" by Kenny Rodgers by their male announcer (Alan Schreier, 0041 UT Oct 31, ibid.)

They signed off abruptly last night about 0300 UT. I was not watching the clock the previous evenings. Anyone know if their call sign is XEUACH or XEUACH as shown on their web site. I am certainly not a master of the language but ch is a consonant as in mucho. They are still present at 0100 UT, but real weak playing "See See Rider" right now (Alan, ibid.)

They are getting closer to the 0200 UT sign off. Tonight they played the Mexican national anthem and shut down at 0207 UT (Alan Schreier, UT Oct 31, ibid.)

Have you heard the XEUACH 1610 sign off yet? Last two nights, it's been about 0055 UT. Reports from south Florida indicate that the transmitter is left on after programming ends. ID seems to be Radio Chapingo, and it has been surprisingly strong right at the sign-off (Gerry Bishop, Niceville FL, 0112 UT Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still haven't heard it here, but I can't sit on the frequency and wait for it to fade up. As for CH, this was long considered a separate letter, and had separate entry in dixonaries, C - CH - D, and furthermore anything starting with CH was alphabetized after all the C's, down to CZ (if any in Spanish). Lately I have noticed that Ch is being included inside the C's between Cg (er, ce), and ci. As in my 1997 Random House dixonary. Not sure if this is a RAE edict or just informal influence from all other languages, including Romance. It would be interesting to find out how R. Chapingo are inclined to

pronounce their call sign (if they ever do it), as 4 letters or 5. 73,
(Glenn Hauser, ABDX via DXLD)

That is where I was heading; how do they pronounce their call. So far I have not heard anything resembling a call sign. Their signal was puny most of the time during the 0045-0207 UT window last night only occasionally out of the noise enough to have clear copy. R. Chapingo is the only ID I have heard; perhaps once an hour at no particular time. I was hoping to hear call letters before sign off last night but the signal faded and all I heard was what I would guess the be the school song followed by the nation anthem (Alan Schreier, Oct 31, ABDX via DXLD)

School song would explain the unrecognized anthem in first report by Helms (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

I finally got an ID for 1610 Thursday evening [Nov 1] at about 2026 CDT. "Radio Universidad Aut noma de Chapingo" (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ABDX via DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.25, PMA, Pohnpei (tentative), 1924-1941, Oct 13, non-stop instrumental music until 1941 when music stopped just in the middle of the carrier which remained there until CNR sign on at *1956. Only audible on the 360 degrees aerial which leads to Pacific, neither 065 nor 095 degrees nor any other antenna brought that signal, while China was best on the usual 065 degrees aerial but blocking the signal when signing on, 24533 (Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerrikslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

4755.25, UNID very weak carrier noted without audible audio at 1845-2005 on Oct 17, at 1505 on Oct 19 and again at 1920-2000 fade out same evening, possibly with some talk, 15111. At other times I have heard nothing (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

Current schedule of PMA The Cross at
http://www.pmapacific.org/ministries/radio/thecross_schedule_11x17.pdf
is at 1600-1000 on 4755 and 88.5 FM (Harald Kuhl in DXplorer via DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

? See my previous item about this. Sked showing 6 am to midnight local must be in UT + 11, which means 1900-1300 UT, but I heard them past 1300 anyway when they were active (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. Radio Maria France 1467 kHz --- Ciao a tutti, Questa mattina, facendo due prove con la loop in ferrite e l'R7, dalle 0839 UT su 1467 kHz noto un'emissione religiosa in francese, apparentemente

cattolica. Dalle 09.05 e per alcuni minuti rimane soltanto la portante senza modulazione, per cui penso a lavori di manutenzione degli impianti, poi perÚ verso le 0920 riaccendo e ritrovo la radio religiosa.

Alle 1040, rientrando a casa riprovo ed È in corso una Messa cattolica e finalmente, dopo pranzo, alle 1142 viene dato l'annuncio: Radio Maria (pronuncia "radiÚ Mari†"), sicuramente da Monte Carlo.

DarÚ un'occhiata al sito <http://www.radiomaria.fr> per verificare se si tratta soltanto di un affitto per l'1 ed il 2 novembre oppure di una accensione definitiva al posto di Zone 80. PuÚ anche darsi che nel frattempo Christian Ghibaudo gi† abbia dato in lista informazioni pi¸ precise, io la posta la guardo solo il venerdĭ sera (SWL I1-0799GE, Luca Botto Fiora, Rapallo (Genova), Nov 1, playdxyg via DXLD) Viz.:

New from Monaco --- Hello, Since yesterday November 1st, there is a new station on MW 1467 kHz from Col de la Madone (Monaco/France). It's RADIO MARIA FRANCE, from 0500-1900 UT on 1467 kHz and also 24/24 h on FM 95.4 MHz. Adresse is: Radio Maria France, B.P. 42 F-06341 La TrinitÈ Cedex, France. Info @ radiomaria.fr <http://www.radiomaria.fr>

Also news from France: RMC Info stop all MW relays in France. Now only on 216 kHz and FM. By the way Beur FM is on the air on 1584 kHz from Perpignan. Best 73's (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. CLOSING OF MOROCCO FACILITY --- The IBB transmitting station in Morocco will cease operations in March 2008, and the facility will be returned to the Government of Morocco by the end of next year. The rising cost of operating the Morocco station prompted this decision. The closing will not reduce the number of hours of radio programming currently broadcast by shortwave: All programs currently broadcast from the Morocco station will continue to be broadcast, either from other IBB facilities or through lease arrangements. Employees affected by the move will receive appropriate severance compensation within the scope of U.S. Embassy agreements. The outstanding work of these Moroccan station employees on behalf of U.S. international broadcasting is greatly appreciated (IBB Nov 2 via Ben Dawson, DXLD) Short-sighted: look at all we will lose: (gh, DXLD)

FADING RAPIDLY: IBB TRANSMITTING STATION AT MOROCCO WILL CLOSE. The International Broadcasting Bureau announces that its shortwave relay station at Briech, Morocco, will cease operations in March 2008. Its ten 500-kilowatt transmitters (currently operating at 250 kilowatts) are used for 20 VOA and seven RFE/RL language services. This announcement comes shortly after the 28 October closure of the IBB shortwave transmitting station at Delano, California. Posted: 02 Nov

2007 (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Re 7-131, contradictory RNZI schedules: Does anyone know when the 17675 and 15720 frequencies switch between AM and DRM, at either 2136 or 2236 (Alan Roe, UK, Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Exact time for the Fuzzy Switcheroo may be moot here in ENAm -- 15720 unheard at 2140 today in either AM or DRM, and 17675 covered by Spanish-language station on 17680. 73 and happy updating de (Anne Fanelli in Elma NY, Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checked Nov 1 they had fixed it to show 2235/2236 as the changeover time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. RNZI's latest schedule change to 9870 for DRM at 0659-1258 is bad news for Vividh Bharati Service from India, and those who would listen to it, which a few weeks earlier moved to 9870. Nov 1 at 1250 there was no trace of VBS here under the DRM noise, and at 1254 there was also QRDRM to something on 9865. DRM went off at 1259* revealing 9870 VBS and 9865 VOR IS. May we expect yet another abrupt QSY by NZ to resolve this situation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Special ham events: Nov 10 & 17 [Sats], 1400Z-2300Z, Guthrie, OK. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, W5G. Oklahoma Centennial Statehood Day at Territorial Capital Bldg. 21260 14260 7260. Certificate. EARS, PO Box 48, Edmond, OK 73083. <http://www.k5eok.org>

Nov 16 [OK's actual Centennial], 1400-1700Z, Luther, OK. Luther ARC and OK City AutoPatch Assoc, KB2AW. Dedication of Luther Veterans Memorial and Oklahoma's Centennial Day. 14250. QSL. Dolph H. Grolock Jr, PO Box 305, Luther, OK 73054-0305. Luther Amateur Radio Club and Oklahoma City AutoPatch Association (QRZ? Nov ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman; 1400, 27-Oct; No hint at all of English service -- or any signal (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Re 7-131, 4835.4. Thanks, Noel, I should have learned my ABC ..eh.. PBC schedule first. Not good news for those chasing AIR Gangtok. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Hi Glenn, 28-10-2007, Radio Pakistan external service Chinese language broadcast was monitored in Lahore today from 1200 to 1230 UT on 9380. The signal was strong via 250 kW transmitter, the SINPO rating was 44434. The program content was Qur'an recitation, 3

minute News bulletin, followed by Pakistani music, 3 minute news comment, anthem. One of the male presenters was speaking Chinese with heavy South Asian accent, while the female presenter was of Chinese origin. Interestingly, at the end of transmission, the correspondence address for Radio Pakistan Islamabad was told in English. Keeping in view the literacy in English language in China, I wonder how many would have understood what was said. Most foreign broadcasters to China have a PO Box arrangement in Beijing and the address is told in Chinese during the transmission to facilitate correspondence (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Alokesh Gupta says the B-07 PBC schedule via BC-DX in 7-129 was his re-arrangement of it, so he should be credited (gh, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3335.0, R East Sepik, Wewak, 2002, Oct 12, news and "The news comes to you from R East Sepik" in between, weak signal with some utilities, 24533. I am still of the opinion that the other stations on Papua New Guinea do not broadcast at their local morning time i.e. 2000 UTC.

7324.97, Wantok R Light, Port Moresby, 2000-2029, Oct 16, Programme consists of lady and gentleman presented religious content and a couple of Christian songs, simple ID as iRadio Wantok Lightî [sic] heard around 2010, used USB and PBS and quite strange bass and treble settings, 12532 up to 23532.

I hardly can imagine that their move to this frequency from the former 7125 did result in reception improvements locally. The frequency is "sandwiched" between or blocked from former CIS and Chinese transmitters. The best opportunity seems to be between 2001 and 2029. At 2000 the German WYFR programme on 7320 from Samara is finished and 7330 remains free as 7325 itself also is at this time. It is about sunrise time in Papua and signal strength is at its best. The Samara transmitter remains a pest as the Russians seem to burn their energy not switching off mostly after the WYFR programme is finished (due to what ever reason) and the transmitter causes an awful noise itself. At 2017 modulation tone from 7320 CRI which starts in French at 2030 and UNID carrier on 7330 (Stefan Schliephacke, Frankfurt am Main, Germany visiting Fjerriitslev, Denmark, DX Camp, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** POLAND [non]. PRES, 9450 via Wertachtal for English at 1300 may make it to ENAm, but not to CNAm; Nov 1 at 1301 I could hear only a trace of a signal on this frequency. And no better Nov 2. Of course, if Warsaw cared about being heard in NAM, they would use some of their time on Guiana French for that instead of beaming Polish back to Europe --- or use Wertachtal at a suitable time and frequency for NAM, like VOR does now on 6155 at 0300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. GERMANY: 9450, Polish Radio via Wertachtal with "Insight Central Europe" co-production program, but then into listener mail and many IDs as "this is Polish Radio Warsaw". SIO 353+ 1333-1343 28/Oct (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Sines signed on the DRM signal on 3995 at 2200, only to switch it already off before 0030 (maybe at 2400). When it was on the hiss still bothered the considerably weaker Deanovec signal on 3985 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Hi Glenn, Nov 2, heard VOR on 6155 from 0756-0841, English programming, IS, ToH "This is Moscow", ID for WSVOR, news, Russian music and songs, talking about the history of Moscow, etc. weak. (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) At 07-09 it's Vladivostok at 210 degrees (gh, DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Tuned in Nov 1 at 1201 on 15250. Good signal with adequate volume and no interference. News in English already in progress. ID at 1207 as Radio Jeddah English Service. Three more minutes of news and then ID again as Radio Jeddah English Service. At 1210 a talk about some "syndrome". Never heard any more as I had to move away from the radio due to a visitor arriving. When I checked again at 1240, nothing (Harry Brooks, NE England, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. Re 7-131, is IRS really on 7240? --- IS of Serbia heard at 1528 & 1628 UT in the background, on 7240. Thers's an unID station (in Farsi?) on the same frequency. Could it be Saudi Arabia? (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Nov 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1 Oct at 1650 on 7240 dominating a station with Farsi-sounding program and seems to ID as Saudi Arabia. Background a station in Chinese and third one (real weak) with talks in unID language. 73, (Jari in Finland Savolainen, ibid.)

Thanks, Jari, Also noted Radio Australia with its IS from approx. 1636 to 1700 UT (Aubier, ibid.) See also AUSTRALIA, Waltzing away

** SOUTH AFRICA. Re 7-129, the SENTECH schedule, altho received direct from Kathy Otto, as published had been converted from xls by Alokesh Gupta, who should be credited for that work (gh, DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. On <http://www.voiceafrica.org/radio.html> the CVC station says it will be coming "soon" from Cape Town. So I wrote them to ask when "soon" might be. Quick answer from nickybremner @ voiceafrica.org says "Hello there, The building renovations are taking

a little longer than we had hoped! So, we are not up and running quite yet, But are hoping to be by December. We will post any developments on the website, so keep watching that space!" (Finn Krone, Naestved, Denmark, Oct 29, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

Surely this does not mean any CVC SW transmissions from Cape Town, or RSA, but just a studio, perhaps to feed the pending new broadcasts via their own site in Zambia, if not Germany (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Site Unknown === 9825, Miraya FM, Oct 25 1451-1530, 1556-1600* 33433-33333-32332. Arabic and Vernacular?, IS? to 1454, Talk, ID at 1514 and 1529 as "Miraya FM" (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium via DXLD) That was their first official day on air (gh)

It is not from a site in the UK either (Noel Green, England, DSWCI DX Window via DXLD) You can also hear them live in good quality at <http://www.mirayafm.org/> which also mentions their postal address: P.O. Box 69, Khartoum, Sudan (Finn Krone, Naestved, Denmark, Oct 28, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

Today I saw a posting of Matti Ponkamo in Finland on the Finnish DX-mailing list saying he heard "Voice of Hope" announcement immediately after Miraya FM program on 9825 (time was not specified). On Nov 1, I checked 9825 just prior 1800 and there was a station (no ID but believe it was Miraya FM, with local light music and "phased" announcement). At 1800 the audio was faded down and immediately another faded up with AWR ID. AWR is scheduled on 9825 at 1800 to S Sudan via MOS [AUSTRIA]. So if the station prior 1800 was Miraya FM, it is possible that it is broadcast via Moosbrunn. Needs more monitoring. 73 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. RADIO THAILAND, WORLD SERVICE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

For listeners in all parts of the world, on short-wave(SW), relayed over transmitters in Ban Dung, Udon Thani, and Northeastern Thailand [sic: Udon IS in NE Thailand] as stated below:

(effective October 28, 2007 as per B-07 seasonal change)

TIME GMT	Language [see below for corrections]	Audience	Frequency (kHz)
0000-0030	English	US-East	09680
0030-0100	English	US-West	12095
0100-0200	Thai	US-West	12095
0200-0230	English	US-East	15275
0230-0330	Thai	US-East	15275
0500-0600	English	Europe-Africa	11730

1000-1100	Thai	Middle East	06185
1100-1115	Vietnamese	Asia-Pacific	07255
1115-1130	Khmer	Asia-Pacific	07255
1130-1145	Lao	Asia-Pacific	06040
1145-1200	Burmese	Asia-Pacific	06040
1200-1215	Malaysian	Asia-Pacific	11870
1230-1300	English	Asia-Pacific	09810
1300-1315	Japanese	Asia-Pacific	07160
1315-1330	Mandarin	Asia-Pacific	07160
1330-1400	Thai	Asia-Pacific	07160
1400-1430	English	Asia-Pacific	09725
1800-1900	Thai	Europe	11855
1900-2000	English	Europe	09805
2000-2015	German	Europe	09535
2030-2045	English	Europe	09535
2045-2115	Thai	Europe	09535

Radio Thailand, World Service (HSK9), Public Relations Department,
 Royal Thai Government, 236 Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Din Daeng, Bangkok
 10400. TEL. +662-6918436 (via Jos  Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DX
 LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Per observed on-air announcements, believe this should read:

0030-0100	English---	US-East	12095
0100-0200	Thai-----	US-East	12095
0200-0230	English---	US-West	15275
0230-0330	Thai-----	US-West	15275 (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

Furthermore, the 0000 broadcast on 9680 is always for South Africa,
 not US! BTW, what about Canada? Further2more, the 0500-0600 English
 should be only 0530-0600 unless they have just expanded it? What about
 the gap to Europe at 2015-2030? This has been French. There may be
 even more errors in this schedule, so beware. Jos  Miguel, what was
 your source for this? Did they e-mail it to you; website? Fuente, por
 favor (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Glenn, French was cancelled before the B07 season I think Jos  Miguel
 found it here <http://www.hsk9.com/Schedule.html> Regards (Jean-Michel
 Aubier, France, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, that looks like it, including the anomalies at 0000 and 0500, and
 the mixed up target areas for NAM. Please check whether English is
 really at 0500-0600 instead of 0530-0600 on 11730 (Glenn Hauser, OK,
 DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Thailand's best chance to be heard here during English seems not to
 be the new NAM service direct in the evenings --- are we too far west
 for the ENAM service and too far east for the WNAM service to make it?

--- but the 1230 UT broadcast on 9810 to SEAsia/Australia which happens to be on a clear frequency. Nov 1 at 1258 check, 9810 was poor with flutter, and adjacent to Cuban jamming against nothing on 9805, that being a residual until provoked by Martí, and not as full-force as it would otherwise be. The 1400 R. Thailand broadcast on 9725 doesn't have a chance unless Costa Rica be off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Went last night, Wed. 31 0245 UT, to visit Vividh Bharati arriving on 9870 and I found this powerful signal from VOT Spanish ranging from S=4 to S=5 on adjacent 9865. Nice sound and nice music. This is most of all to say how easily result with this station to learn to say "This is the Voice of Turkey". They mention it in several languages many times (Italian, Turkish, etc.) helping you to repeat. Good idea. How about other broadcasters to do the same without taking it the wrong way as they were imitating them. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ICF7600GR + T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, but they play the multi-lingual IDs too often, a crutch time-filler. It would be more helpful if, during English broadcasts, they would identify each ID by its English language name.

VOT, 15350, Turkish music, and not much talk, most enjoyable around 1330 Nov 2. Now during that hour we have a choice of Turkey 15350, Solh 15265, Saudi Arabia 15380. Too, 15350 had a much better signal than VOT's English service opening at 1330, which this date was poor on 12035, inaudible on 11735. 15350 is scheduled 0800-1400, 294 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Ukraine is living in interesting times ñ heading towards possible membership in the EU (and perhaps NATO), but still holding strong ties to Russia. Little known to many in the West (it is often seen as too remote to visit from --- well, anywhere), Ukraine only makes the news when it has a political crisis, nuclear accident, or troubles paying its (ever-increasing) natural gas bills. A population of 48 million is spread through an area about the size of Manitoba; geographic highlights include rugged mountains and the Caspian Sea coast. Radio broadcasts, both public-domestic and international, are operated by the National Radio Company of Ukraine.

Radio Ukraine International (RUI): <http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/>

To begin, type the URL above and then find (and click) the tiny Eng button (other choices are German (Deu) and Ukrainian (Ykp)), located on the right side near the top. This seems to be the only link to English, so don't miss it (unless your Ukrainian is very good).

The English main page is clear in its layout, with a rolling welcome

message at the top, followed by links to schedules and Real Audio for international and domestic broadcasts. Kudos for making this easy to find! Audio quality and ease of connection were both excellent; content was in Ukrainian when I checked, so I can't meaningfully comment on that. Below the schedule/audio links is an animated NRCU logo, then headlines, photos, and links to major news stories, and links such as News, About NRCU, Frequencies, Audio on demand, Contacts, and others.

On the right side of the page is a column with a search window, language selector, links (the same as listed above), clock (with seconds), weather, Latest news, and a place to subscribe to email news updates (frequency of mailings, not given). Two notes ñ on the Frequencies page, it is noted that SW transmissions to North America have been temporarily stopped.î The schedule runs until 28 October 2007, so things may have changed by the time you read this. Finally, Audio on demand has an excellent archive of English-language programs, including DX Club. These on demand files are provided in MP3 format. Overall, RUI has an excellent website ñ not intimidatingly large, and very easy to use (Paul E. Guise, Click! Nov ODXA Listening In via DXLD) Audio quality is lousy on live webcast when it comes to music, adequate for speech (gh, DXLD)

** U K. BBCWS "Over To You" particularly interesting this week

If you care about what the BBCWS is up to these days, you might want to listen to the current edition of "Over To You", available on-demand through Sunday, November 4th, 1041 UT. Nigel Chapman, head of the World Service, is interviewed about the new TV services and the recent additional funding coming their way, and addresses questions and concerns about the role of WS radio given this new push into TV services.

There's also an interview with Lyse Doucet regarding how she prepares for interviews of world leaders, such as her recent interview with the Syrian president, and also an interview with the producer for Alan Johnston's recent special "From Our Own Correspondent" where Johnston recounts his Gaza kidnapping.

Lyse has the reputation for securing tough interviews...those who were around in 2001 may remember Lyse interviewing Ralph Brandi when the "Coalition to Save the BBC World Service" was trying to dissuade the WS from ending shortwave services targeting North America.

(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, International broadcasting / shortwave blog: <http://www.intlradio.blogspot.com> Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/over_to_you.shtml
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yeah, I remember that interview. I think Ralph has only started to take solid food again in the last few weeks (John Figliozi, NY, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K [non]. USA: 9750 BBC via US with apparent switching error, nothing but a tape loop saying there is "currently no service on this channel, English and Arabic programming are available 24 hours on one of this satellite's nearby channels" 1250-1253 SIO 454 28/Oct (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) No, 9750 is Guiana French, while 9660 is WHRI (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U K [and non]. BBCWS English B-07
From website Oct. 29, 2007 Daily except where indicated.

West and Central Africa

0300 0706 6005
0300 0700 7160
0400 0500 7120
0500 0800 11765
0600 0700 9825
0700 0800 13820
0700 1000 15400
0800 1000 17830
1000 1100 Sat-Sun 17830, 15400
1100 1130 15400
1100 2100 17830
1600 1800 11665
1800 2300 9410
1500 2300 15400

Southern Europe and North Africa (Europe programmes)

0500 0800 6195
0600 0800 9410
0700 1000 12095
1400 1700 Sat. only 9410
1600 1800 11665
1800 2000 5875
1800 2200 6195

East Africa

0200 0300 6030
0300 0400 6145, 7130, 9750
0330 0600 11665
0400 0500 12095

0500 0800 15420
0500 0700 17640
0800 1530 17640
0800 1700 21470
1300 1400 15420
1400 1700 21660
1500 1700 15105
1500 1530 15420, 11860
1615 1700 Sat-Sun 17640, 15420, 11860
1700 1900 11755, 12095
1700 1745 9630, 6005
1830 2100 9630, 6005

Southern Africa

0300 2200 6190
0300 0400 6145, 6005*
0300 0600 3255
0400 0500 7120*
0500 0700 11765*
0600 1600 11940
0800 1700 21470
1600 2200 3255
1700 2100 12095
2100 2200 6005

*West Africa programmes

Western Russia

0500 0700 5875, 12095
1800 2000 5875, 6195

East Asia

0000 0030 17615
0000 0300 15360
0000 0800 15335
0200 1030 17760
0300 1030 21660
0800 1030 15285
0800 1600 9740
0900 1500 11895
1200 1500 5975
1300 1700 6195
1500 1600 6040
2100 2200 6125
2100 2400 5965
2200 2300 6195, 5955
2300 2400 5985
2330 2400 6170

South East Asia

0000 0800 15360
0000 0200 6195
0000 0100 9740
0100 0300 11750
0500 0800 11955, 11695
0800 1600 9740
0800 1700 6195
1600 1800 3915
2100 2200 3915
2100 2400 6195, 5965
2200 2300 7105, 5935
2200 2400 9740
2300 2400 11955
2300 0030 3915, 7340

South Asia

0000 0200 5970, 11955
0000 0100 7105
0000 0300 9410
0100 0300 11750*
0100 1400 15310
0200 0230 1413
0300 1400 17790
1300 1700 6195*
1300 1400 1413
1400 1600 9410
1500 1800 5975
1400 1700 11920
1600 1830 9740
1700 1830 11955
1900 2100 1413+
+ Middle East programmes
* East Asia programmes

Middle East and Gulf States

0200 0730 1323
0730 0900 Sat-Sun 1323
0900 2300 1323
0200 0230 1413
0200 0400 6195
0200 0400 6195
0200 0300 7320
0300 0600 9410
0300 0400 1413
0600 1500 11760
0700 0730 15575
0730 0900 Sat-Sun 15575

0900 1400 15575
1300 1400 1413
1500 1700 12095
1800 1830 1413
1800 2000 9480
1900 2100 1413

Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia

0100 0300 7320
0200 0230 1413
0300 0400 1413, 11760
0300 0600 9410
0400 0600 15360
0600 0700 11760
0700 0730 15575
0730 0900 Sat-Sun 15575
0900 1400 15575
1400 1500 11760
1400 1700 11920*
1500 1700 12095
1700 1830 11955*
1800 2000 5955, 9480
1800 1830 1413
1900 2100 1413

* South Asia programmes

Caribbean and Central America

1100 1200 5875
1100 1300 9750
1200 1300 9660
2100 2200 11675
2100 2300 9525
2200 2300 5975 [added by gh; one (?) they missed at first]
(via Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Ont., DXLD)

** U K [and non]. There is some nice broadcast stuff on LW. For example, BBC [Radio 4] on 198 kHz is completely armchair listener grade - much better quality than SW in that there is no fading.

Algeria, Morocco, Luxembourg, Iceland - all nice signals many nights. Not just talk, but music as well. I use the Drake R8, program the remote for 9-kHz spacing, key in 153, then surf through the frequencies with the remote while my wife surfs through the satellite dish channels during commercials.

Interestingly enough, I find the lower LW broadcast band - say 153 to 216 - so much quieter than say 225 to 270. Part of it is that there is more beacon activity on the higher part of the LW band around

here, and some of the local and semi-local beacons are very intense 30 dB over S9 type signals. But also, there seems to be a lot less powerline-borne noise on the 153 to 216 segment around here.

Ever since I got the LF engineering M-601C antenna, LW broadcast stuff is an every-nighter here. Imagine what it would be like with an antenna that was actually supposed to be for LW! (Phil Rafuse, PEI, Nov 1, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Just after I publicized 15580 as excellent new frequency for VOA's music hour at 2100, it's gone, Nov 1 at 2105 check. Not a trace. Left a receiver on frequency, and carrier finally came on at 2131:30, but off and on a few times, then stayed on and program joined at 2133 in hiphop music, so I wouldn't be listening to it on Thursday, anyway. They must be having a lot of trouble keeping those old transmitters going at Greenville, but more schedule changes are in store next week.

Somewhat surprised to encounter VOA news in English at 0138 on 7200, so not to the Americas, and not Special. This hour from Morocco is scheduled to cover Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh and all the countries in between (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But not after March: IBB closing another site! See MOROCCO

** U S A. Google Imagery --- One of the new (wef 28 October 2007?) "better" resolution sites is Greenville B. The transmitter buildings are now clear at 600M but there still seems to be an enormous network of lanes with no masts on the end of them! There is definitely one fan-shaped array of antennas (identical to those at IBB Lampertheim and Sentech Meyerton) centred on approx 35 28 12N, 77 13 30W. 73 (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, Nov 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Radio Liberty/Free Europe B-07 SW schedule Daily except where indicated. Time is UT. From website Oct. 29, 2007.

Afghan (Pashto and Dari)

0230-0430 9335 17685

0230-1430 12140

0430-1030 17530

0430-1130 19010

1030-1330 9990

1130-1430 9335

Belarusian

0400-0600 6140 7190

1600-2000 9865

1600-1800 11925

1800-2200 9725

2000-2200 7165

Kazakh

0000-0100 5945 7145

0200-0400 7145 9680

1200-1300 11520 15120

1400-1600 6055

1400-1500 11805

1500-1600 9685

North Caucasus

(Avar, Chechen, Circassian)

0400-0500 5920 15460

1600-1700 9770 11730

Persian (Farsi)-Radio Farda

0030-0230 5860 9795

0030-0300 6115

0230-0400 7105

0230-1400 15690

0300-0830 9585

0400-0600 12015

0600-0830 17675

0830-1400 5860

0830-1230 21715

1230-1600 13680

1400-1600 11750

1400-1700 15410

1600-2130 7580

1600-1700 9320

1700-1900 7520

1700-1800 11840

1800-1900 9595

1900-2130 9335

1900-2000 9570

2000-2130 9840

Romanian (Moldova)

0500-0530 6125 MoTuWeThFr

1600-1630 9615

1700-1730 7240 MoTuWeThFr

1900-1930 3965 MoTuWeThFr

Russian

0400-0500 7220

0400-0600 7305

0400-0700 9535 17770

0500-0600 7175

0600-1100 9520
0600-0900 15250
0700-0800 12015 15285
0800-1400 15130
0900-1100 9355
1100-1200 9805
1100-1300 11805 13745
1200-1400 9715
1300-1400 9595 13660
1500-1800 7220 11805
1500-1600 7270 15130
1600-1800 7305 9520
2000-2200 7220
2000-2100 9520
2100-2200 6105 7425

Tajik

0100-0300 7275
0100-0400 11795
0300-0400 9760
1400-1500 7595
1400-1700 9695
1500-1700 7260

Tatar-Bashkir

0400-0500 7115 9430
0600-0700 9680
1600-1700 5895 7380
2000-2100 5860

Turkmen

0200-0300 7295
0200-0400 15460
0300-0400 5955
1400-1500 9445 9595
1500-1600 9770 9825
1600-1800 5820
1600-1700 9725
1700-1800 9625

Uzbek

0200-0400 12015 12110 15590
1400-1500 11715 12015 15120
1600-1700 5840 7550 12020

(via Bernie O'Shea, Ont., Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Standard time changes on WRMI? Glenn: Greetings from Lugano and the EDXC Conference. All of our programs will stay at the same

local time after the time change. Since WEWN is no longer using 9955 for B07, we will maintain everything at the same local times, and frequency changes also. Take care (Jeff White, Switzerland, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. everything one UT hour later across the board; that greatly simplifies things (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 9015 WEWN Vandiver AL; 1842-1854+, 27-Oct; Spanish religious program with ID Radio Cat lica Mundial. SIO=252+, fady; mixing product? -- heard on multi-radios (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

Yes! Leapfrog mixing product of 9955 over 9450 at 435 kHz intervals, as in use at that hour in B-07 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {I mean, in A-07; no longer on 9955 in B-07. Now the only instance of two transmitters on the same band is: 1500-2200 on 11530, 11550, so look for Spanish/English mixes on 11510, 11570 --gh}

** U S A. WHRI has registered 24-h-schedule f,r 100-kW-transmitter

A thorough analysis of http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/B07FCC01.TXT reveals that WHRI Cypress Creek registered a 24-h-schedule for a 100 kW-transmitter together with the schedules for their known 500-kW-transmitters.

0100-0600: 7335 (100 kW, 173)
0600-1100: 7345 (100 kW, 42)
1100-1400: 7520 (100 kW, 42)
1400-1500: 12020 (100 kW, 152)
1500-1700: 13760 (100 kW, 42)
1700-1900: 15650 (100 kW, 42)
1900-2100: 15285 (100 kW, 152)
2100-0100: 15665 (100 kW, 260)

This is probably a pre-registration for one of the two 100-kW-transmitters of Noblesville IN that were said to be transferred to Cypress Creek SC and Greenbush ME. LeSEA's internet site <http://www.whr.org> does not yet show another programme stream ( Angel 6i). With several foreign broadcasters now using Cypress Creek as relay, there might be interest for more broadcast time on the site (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, there have been similar registrations in previous seasons, but AFAIK not used; perhaps awaiting facility really being operable, and/or when necessary for overflow demand. If anyone hears WHRI on any of the above, please report. That includes, of course, the 7335 collision with CHU which I know is not currently happening (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. LOCAL RADIO PERSONALITY HAS HAD WEEK-LONG HICCUPS

<http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/10590582.html>

(via Larry Russell, MI, MARE Tipsheet Nov 1 via DXLD) On WKAR and WILX

** U S A. STATION IDENTIFICATION FOR WDVX --- WDVX CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF PUTTING UNDERPLAYED AMERICANA FARE ON THE AIR

By Wayne Bledsoe, Monday, October 22, 2007

Video [linked]: During a 2006 radio show, Alex Leach shares how he started his WDVX career and what he likes best about bluegrass music and DJ'ing

Related link <http://www.wdvx.com/main.html>

Web site: East Tennessee's own WDVX

``Probably the best radio station in the world.``

ó The Oxford American magazine, referring to WDVX

WDVX-FM is a radio station that began with a \$100 donation, scarcely more watts than the light bulb on your front porch and a camper just off the side of the road in Anderson County. Now WDVX has its primary studio in the Knoxville Visitors Center on Gay Street and is viewed as one of the bright lights of a redeveloping downtown. Through its Internet simulcast, the station reaches fans all over the world. . .

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2007/oct/22/station-identification/>

(via Howard Box, Oak Ridge, DXLD)

** U S A. S. FLORIDA WELCOMES BACH BACK --- AFTER A LONG ABSENCE, CLASSICAL MUSIC HAS RETURNED TO SOUTH FLORIDA RADIO. BUT WILL IT LAST?

Posted on Sun, Oct. 28, 2007 BY LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON

'We're not in this for the short term,' the American Public Media official Gayle Ober says. 'We are committed.' [caption]

Wednesday at 6:01 p.m., the Lullaby from Khachaturian's ballet Gayne streamed forth on South Florida airwaves, marking the debut of WKCP 89.7 FM, and ending the long absence of full-time classical music on local radio.

American Public Media Group, the parent corporation of Minnesota Public Radio and several other stations, purchased the outlet, formerly WMCU, for \$20 million from Trinity International University last month, with the intent of flipping its format from a Christian-oriented outlet to a public radio station dedicated to 24/7 classical music.

In a telephone interview from American Public Media's headquarters in St. Paul, Gayle Ober, the group's director of classical programming,

said, ``We're not in this for the short term. We are committed and, based on what we know and the success we've had, we know that we can do this.''

The power of the station's 100,000 watts means WKCP can be heard not just in Miami-Dade and Broward counties but across a swath stretching from Palm Beach County to the middle Keys.

''I think the area desperately needs a full-time classical station,'' said attorney Julian Kreeger, president of Friends of Chamber Music of Miami.

''It's important on several levels,'' says Kreeger, who had a weekly show, Collector's Gallery, on the defunct classical outlet WTMI from 1975 to 1991. ``It encourages interest in classical music, it's important for the organizations to advertise upcoming events, and, obviously as an education arm.''

While the return of classical radio was greeted enthusiastically by music fans, the move was not without controversy. . . [illustrated]
http://www.miamiherald.com/tropical_life/story/285912.html
(via Curtis Sadowski, IL, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. 1080, WMCU Coral Gables FL; religious programming, apparently relaying 1360 WKAT; call and format change; at 0835 ion 8-30 AMî; at 0855 iThe preceding program was a paid advertisement, and the opinions expressed within it were not necessarily those of the ?? management of 13-60 WKATî; at 0926 a very weak iÖ on South Floridaís Christian talk 13-60 WKAT and 10-80 WMCU Coral Gablesî; not sure of the connection with what I took to be WACC on 830 kHz, but is now the sister station to WKAT, also owned by Salem. Fair peaks, 0855 30/10 (Martin A. Hall, Clashmore, Scotland, MWC via DXLD)

As above, WMCU is the call just abandoned on FM 89.7 in Miami, but it was supposedly non-commercial religious. Any real connexion? 1080 will always be WVCG to me (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Mobile logs in Florida --- Yesterday, Saturday the 27th, I decided to take a spastic and random I-4 corridor drive from the Clearwater QTH to Orlando and beyond (all the way to Enterprise and DeBary in Volusia County, the latter two for reasons completely unknown). Weather started out with occasional light drizzle or mist at 0830L departure. Gray skies but no rain in Orlando until late afternoon when conditions ranged from a deluge to misting.

All I have to do is go to Orlando once or twice a year to refresh my memory about how much I hate that town (thanks, Walt Hitler, for destroying Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties single-handedly

beginning in 1971 with your disgusting tourist rat traps). Traffic movement on I-4, upon the return, ranged from 10 to 15 m.p.h. to several complete stops all the way from the South Orange Blossom Trail exit to just east of the US-27 (Haines City) exit. Home finally around 2100L.

Stopped in at Amateur Electronic Supply (621 Commonwealth Ave.) for the first time in at least 25 years. A time warp revisited, I swear the same employees are there. In fact I'm not sure they ever went home. One interesting fact culled: the AES store we had here in Clearwater that closed (what's it been, 10 years?) was sudden. The owner (HQ is in Wisconsin) looked at the poor sales numbers and literally picked up the phone, fired everyone on the spot and told the store to close the same day. Nice.

Then on to Rock 'N Roll Heaven (1814 N. Orange Ave.) for a needed fix of awesome collectible vinyl. I found out upon my visit early this year that the owner, Ray, happens to be the same person who in his relative youth worked at the long-defunct Record City in Fern Park.

Accidentally stumbled upon a nice little Volusia County park, Gemini Springs just off CR-4162 near Enterprise. Looks like some nice, short trails and canoe launchings here, though due to the drizzle and timing I didn't explore much. Lots of unidentified finches etc. (migratory types) appearing here. See <http://volusia.org/parks/gemini.htm>

So now to make this rambling post remotely relevant to this reading source, I present the radio observations. I might add there's nothing new reported here. All logs made on the stock '07 Hyundai Sonata radio, times where noted local (EDT). All logs in kHz unless otherwise noted.

1400, WSDO, Sanford; presumed the one around 4 p.m. with XE Spanish preacher, XE gospel tunes. I miss the old days of WTRR.

1620, "Radio Keenam" (pirate), Orlando; fair all around the Orlando and Winter Park vicinity, but didn't seem up to the usual signal level today. As always with Kreyol talk and music format.

1640, FDOT Florida Turnpike at I-4, Orlando; strong with the usual male and female construction and FDOT updates.

1640, City of Casselberry; NOAA weather radio relay interrupted only with quick automated ID by male. No other "community" programming inserted this time. Heard on 17-92, lost in the Longwood area prior to Sanford.

1650, City of Orlando; male loop with the typical threats of monetary

fines for not parking where you are supposed to.

1660, Orange County Expressway Authority, Orlando; strong on Colonial Drive in the Mills Ave., Bumby etc. vicinity with male short loop, "This is the Expressway Authority..." and a phone number, expresswayauthority.com references.

1700, Orlando International Airport; briefly audible and poor with male loop on I-4 around the FL-528 exit.

93.5 MHz, "Positive Vibrations" (pirate), Orlando; very strong signal when first tuned to close to 11 a.m. on Colonial Drive. Old reggae and ska, rather professional-sounding older gent announcer with a couple of definite "Positive Vibrations" slogan ID's, and a pretty extensive block of pre-recorded commercials for Orlando mom and pop Caribbean clothing stores and restaurants. Presume the same as "Zed Explosive Vibrations" as listed on my FLPRS page, though this was stereo. But the most interesting thing is at recheck around 12:25 p.m., there was a big signal with Christian-themed sports coach interviews, etc., clearly something satellite fed. In fact, located parallel audio on an unidentified station (licensed no doubt) at 106.3 MHz, until 12:57 program ending. Then it was clear that 93.5 was W228BK, the Bible Broadcasting Network's translator licensed to Union Park (just southeast of where I was at the time). So apparently the pirate pulled the plug, leaving this one in the clear.

96.9 MHz, Assembly Hall of Jehova's Witness, Plant City; as usual, big carrier briefly near mile marker 23 on eastbound I-4, with the church on the north side of the Interstate. Being that this was a Saturday, the church was in session but as seems to be the case on the past few checks when in the area, no audio. It's as if they leave the transmitter on 24/7 but forgot to use it as they originally did, as an audio source for the sermon.

Stations not heard: FDOT 1610 transmitter pairs on I-75 at the I-4 exchange; FDOT 1620 pairs on I-4 in Polk County; "Old Town" or "Rare 60's Radio" (89.5 or alternate 95.9 MHz Kissimmee, 89.3 MHz Winter Haven respectively); Sea World's presumed defunct 1540 TIS; 95.7 MHz WBVL-LP Buena Ventura Lakes (south of FL-417/east of the Turnpike -- possibly just too far away from I-4); 93.7 MHz WKOF-LP, Kissimmee (still listed as Construction Permit status in the FCC dB); and 95.7 WLPM-LP Christmas (again, possibly too far away from closest driving location of SR-50/Colonial Dr. at SR-436). No other pirates noted except for the above 1620 and 93.5 MHz stations (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W). Visit my "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~tocobagadx/flortis.html>

or:

<http://www.geocities.com/geigertree/flortis.html>
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. ALLEGED PIRATE RECEIVES FCC WARNING NOTICE

Things are looking worse for friends of Karol Madera, VE7KFM. On October 29, 2007, Madera's good friend Todd Daugherty, reported that he has received a WARNING NOTICE from the FCC. According to Daugherty, the FCC said it has information that Daugherty is operating unlicensed radio stations on 6.950 and 13.556 MHz and that the station's exceed the power limit of Part 15, FCC rules.

Daugherty was previously turned down in his application for a license for "Langley Park Telecommunications". The FCC apparently told Daugherty that direction finding signals indicated that transmissions were made from Daugherty's location on 13556 kHz in November 2006 and that the information before the Commission raises serious questions regarding Daugherty's qualifications to retain an Amateur license. Not only that, but his actions could be a violation of the Communications Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. § 301, subjecting Daugherty to a forfeiture, imprisonment, or both. Daugherty was directed to provide additional information and documents regarding the period between January, 2006 and the present. He must answer those questions in a signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury. See <http://www.ve7kfm.com> for more information (Brian Crow, K3VR, Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I believe I've convinced Riley Hollingsworth to hang around a bit longer. We need him to deal with a few remaining high profile problems in amateur radio. He's going to be around for a long time to come... sorry, Karol (Brian Crow, K3VR, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

HOLLINGSWORTH TO STAY PUT AT FCC -

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. He had announced last week that he would leave the FCC in January 2008. Riley states, "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community."

The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97). (ARRL via I.C.P.O. Bulletin (November 01 - 09, 2007), via Dave Raycroft [its editor?], ODXA yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 1650 N/A TX North Dallas area. i0ldies Radio.î This is one of the 100-milliwatt flamethrowers being operated in the North Dallas area. Runs oldies and lots of old commercials and jingles, sort of reminds one of the old KLIF 1190 and the Gordon McLendon days. It is also available at <http://www.1650oldiesradio.com> (Dave Schmidt, New Freedom PA, DDXD-West, NRC DX News Nov 5 via DXLD)

I listened in on this internet stream. Very worth looking up. I especially liked the newscasts [current news stories] with the old sounders and the teletype machine running in the background. Ed.-WI)(Bill Dvorak, ibid.)

** U S A. WCXH Test to be rescheduled --- Well folks, it looks like the gremlins did indeed get us on the WCXH test. The good news, however, is that Allan is more than willing to redo the test. Here's what he said:

"Jim: I cannot believe I screwed up ! I am so sorry. I was sure it said 5 am, I must have mis-read it. Things have been so hectic here. I feel awful about this. Of course, whenever you'd like to re-do it, I'll be more than happy to do it. Just let me know. PLEASE accept my humblest apologies to you and all who participated. Allan"

At the suggestion of one listener, I intend to ask Allan for a Friday or Saturday morning instead of Monday. I'm open for suggestions - just make sure we don't conflict with holidays and we have enough time to announce the new date and time. Thanks for your patience and understanding (Jim Pogue IRCA/NRC Joint BTC, Coordinator, Memphis, TN, Oct 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RESCHEDULED - WCXH 780 kHz Monticello , ME DX Test - RESCHEDULED

As most of you know, due to a mix-up with times the WCXH test ran an hour later than advertised. Allan Weiner has graciously agreed to conduct another test and promises we will all be on the same clock this time! Here are the details of the rescheduled test from this most desirable station in a most desirable state.

Date: Saturday morning (late Friday night), Nov. 24, 2007. Time: 4ñ5 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, 0900ñ1000 UT. 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming will consist of special voice announcements, march and other special music, Morse code and sweep tones. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Allan H. Weiner. WCXH Radio, 274 Britton Rd., Monticello , ME 04760-3110. No eQSL service is being offered for this test. Recordings on disk in .mp3 or .wav format will be accepted as proof of reception. NOTE: All requests for verifications must be accompanied by return postage in order to

receive a reply. Again, our sincere thanks to Allan Weiner for giving us a second chance to hear his station (Jim Pogue ñ KH2AR@comcast.net IRCA/NRC Joint BTC Coordinator <http://www.dxtests.info> Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NEW TIME for WIGG Test --- I spoke with Paul Turner, CE at WIGG today and he is ready to go with the test this weekend. The time for the test has been changed, however. It is now 3:00-4:00 a.m. Central STANDARD Time. Here are the details:

WIGG-1420 Wiggins, MS DX Test

Date: Sunday morning (late Saturday night), Nov. 4, 2007.

Time: 3:00 AM to 4:00 AM Central STANDARD Time [Please note, this will be the morning we change from DST to standard time in most of North America, but Paul is aware of this and will run the test on STANDARD time]

Modes of Operation: 5,000 watts using non-directional antenna pattern. Programming: Programming will consist of special voice announcements, morse code, tones and classic country music.

Paul says to especially listen for Floyd Kramer music, one of his favorite artists. He also says DXers are welcome to call him as he will be running the test live from the station. His number (no collect calls please) is 601-964-0005. Good luck to everyone (Jim Pogue, IRCA/NRC Joint Broadcast Test Committee Coordinator, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So don't you believe the original time I gave in publicizing this on a previous WORLD OF RADIO. Such last-minute changes are not helpful (gh)

Yes, I understand Glenn. But this was at Paul's request so I didn't have much to say about it. I certainly appreciate the publicity you provide and trust that last minute changes like this will be very rare. 73s, (Jim Pogue, ibid.)

From DXLD 7129: The BTC Podcast --- Who is speaking? It's me, as noted in the initial Press Release concerning the podcast (J. D. Stephens, AL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I didn't hear you identify yourself on recording; maybe missed that too (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES CREATE BROADCAST CHALLENGES

The astounding wildfires in southern California captured nationwide attention last week and challenged broadcast engineers with equipment failures and the need to devise work-arounds. Our opening story (first URL below) was written by Gary Stigall, Director of Engineering for XETV/FOX-6, and quickly covers the technical events in San Diego

County on a day-by-day basis. Don't miss the photo link at the end.

A somewhat different view of the technical aspects of covering the fires is presented by Broadcast Engineering magazine, see the second URL below.

The third and final URL takes you to a spectacular photo of the San Miguel Mountain fire taken by John Berry, K6JWB, at about 4 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. John graciously allowed us to share his handiwork with you.

As mentioned in CGC #813, all of Fallbrook was under mandatory evacuation last week, so our office was closed. No sooner did we return than we walked into a public safety radio interference case. Fortunately, our frequency and spectral monitoring lab worked flawlessly and the interference was resolved on short order.

<http://tinyurl.com/ypw9gm> (Gary's posting)

<http://tinyurl.com/ytmf6x> (Broadcast Engineering article)

http://earthsignals.com/add_CGC/Images/mt_miguel_fire_2007_1.jpg

NEWS BRIEFS

- o Current fire map for the vicinity of Santiago Peak:

<http://www.ocfa.org/pages/ocfa.asp?filename=canyonfiremap.asp>

- o San Diego area hams activated as wildfires ravage southern California; ARRL faces FCC in federal court over BPL issues; FCC'S Riley Hollingsworth to retire in January 2008:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/07/1026/>

- o Fires are still raging on Palomar Mountain as we go to press. Here is a brief report by one resident on how goats were used earlier to clear brush atop the mountain.

<http://www.palomarmountainnews.com/fire2007/>

- o Reader comment: "Not much reporting of fires in Mexico; understand huge fires on mountains south of Tecate and down to Cerro Bolla." (October 24, 2007)

(CGC Communicator Oct 31 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

**** U S A. HAVING YOUR 87 MHZ CAKE AND EATING IT TOO, DTV STYLE**

As CGC Communicator readers know, some CH-6 LPTV stations have converted themselves into 87.7 MHz FM stations. They use their aural carriers on 87.75 (or 87.74 or 87.76) MHz to broadcast to the general public and simply keep their video carriers on the air because it is an FCC requirement that they do so.

When the DTV transition occurs, however, these LPTV broadcasters will presumably lose the lucrative ability to act like FM broadcast stations. Not so, thinks one New York LPTV operator. This operator is reportedly interested in transmitting 8-VSB and, at the same time, injecting an FM signal on 87.9 MHz (perhaps because that frequency is more accessible to FM receivers than 87.7 MHz). The question is whether adding an FM carrier in the DTV passband is legal. One CGC Communicator reader writes as follows:

"The earlier [scheme of using the analog TV aural carrier to broadcast to FM receivers] I know to be permissible under Part 74, Subpart G. I'm not so sure about this [new scheme of injecting an FM carrier into the DTV spectrum], but at first blush, if this hybrid stays within the modulation envelope contemplated in 74.g, then it might fly." (CGC Communicator Oct 31 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** VATICAN [and non]. B07 Vatican Radio schedule from Bernie O'Shea has appeared in the dxldyg and will be in DXLD next issue (gh)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA. 6300, Radio Arabe Sahuari Democratica Nacional [sic]; 2345-2403:45*, 26/27-Oct; LL [unknown language, presumably Hassanĭa] and Arabic vocals; commentary in Arabic-accented Spanish with many mentions of Sahara, Sahuari & Republica Sahara; ID as Radio Nacional Sahara at 2402 then anthem. SIO=343. A few seconds after s/off, Habana came up weakly, but // 6000, SIO=454. 2405, roar QRM started up (Harold Frodge, MI, DXPedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** YEMEN. 6135, Rep. of Yemen R, San'a, 1435-1500, Oct 05, Arabic ann, Arabic music, 34444 heard // 9780 (22222 - almost covered by Chinese). (Bjarke Vestesen, Radby, Blommenslyst, Denmark, visiting Madaba, Jordan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 31 via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA (ZANZIBAR) 11735, Voice of Tanzania, tuned in at 1804 in midst of English news with datelines mostly Kabul and Iraq, with some African news by male. At 1809, "To end the news, here are the main points," at 1810 immediately into presumed Swahili, several mentions of Dar es Salaam. SINPO 34212, somewhat readable at times. October 31. Heard on Grundig YB 400PE with long wire (Roger Chambers, Utica, NY, Nov 1, ODXA yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1190.32, Latin American; 0120-0132 1 November, 2007. Rapidfire live sports coverage by Spanish man with non-Cuban accent, and slight reverb. Briefly up at mediocre level, then bubbled down (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5996.37, No identificada --- Hola gente!!! Hoy a la mañana desempolvé un poco el Icom y en 5996.37 capté una emisora en español, con noticias sobre la Asamblea Constituyente de Bolivia. Es una vieja frecuencia de Radio Melodía pero no se por qué, más me pareció que no era esta emisora (últimamente se viene reportando en 5939v). Alguien sabe algo? Ah! entraba con baja QSA y mucho QSB y la mejor recepción la obtuve en modo LSB. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Galvan BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, Oct 31, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Hola Arnaldito: Definitivamente NO es Melodía, ya que todos los días estoy monitoreandola en 5940. Manhana feriado acá en el Perú aprovecharé en estar atento a 5996... Un abrazo Hermano Alf (Alfredo Cañote, ibid.)

This is at least the third report we've had of an unID LA above 5996. More monitoring of it should be drawn (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hallo Glenn, Another little mystery to report: 6030, Nov 02, 0401, non-stop HOA vocals badly squeezed between DW 6035 and Hungary 6025, to 0426 tune out. Didn't sound like ICDI. Is this perhaps what Jari Savolainen reported in DXLD 7-131? 73 & best of DX (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe yet another new Ethiopian frequency on 49m (gh, DXLD)

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#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Glenn, as they say here in Oz "you are a legend." It means that you have huge expertise in your field and I thank you for sharing some of it with us DX newbies. I also thank you for challenging my language comfort zone with sesqui minutes etc. One day I must write to you in my neo-English (Ray Phillips)

#### CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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#### WRC07: LEAFLET SUPPORTING THE POSITION OF SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING

On the HFCC site: BBC (Cath Westcott) produced a leaflet for the WRC-07 supporting the position of shortwave broadcasting (1.31 MB pdf): [http://www.hfcc.org/pro/wrc07/shortwave-A4-leaflet-OCT-19\\_2.pdf](http://www.hfcc.org/pro/wrc07/shortwave-A4-leaflet-OCT-19_2.pdf) (Mike Barraclough, England, dxldyg via DXLD)

WRC-07 - ERO report on first week

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/november2007/wrc07\\_first\\_week.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/november2007/wrc07_first_week.htm)  
73 (Trevor M5AKA, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

Many more below-the ~~~~~ line items have had to be held over (gh) ###